

# Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management Meeting

## Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2020 Food Scraps / Organics Collection & Diversion Working Group Meeting via ZOOM

Present: See Attachment A

Next meeting: Tuesday October 20, 1:00pm

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### **I. Call to Order and Announcements**

Meeting started at 9:00am.

Co-chairs Katie Dykes, DEEP Commissioner and Ronald McDaniel, Mayor of Montville provided welcoming remarks, introductions, housekeeping rules and an overview of the Food Scraps / Organics Collection & Diversion Working Group as part of the CCSMM initiative process. Responses to the Public Engagement Questions- Request for Comment and Solutions located on the CCSMM webpage were encouraged.

### **II. Committee Reports**

Ashley Muspratt, Center for EcoTechnology presented on the Technical assistance resources and success of CET programs and provided an overview of “why”/ benefits diverting organics from the waste stream is beneficial; additionally the CT municipal solid waste composition was discussed

Bob Spencer, Director, of the VT Windham Solid Waste Management District presented about the success, challenges and opportunities of the VT Organics Diversion Program/ law.

Brian Paganini, Vice President, Quantum Biopower provided an overview of how Anaerobic Digestion works and the products created through the process.

Samuel King, President, Blue Earth Compost discussed how Blue Earth Compost collects residential food scraps and presented an overview of Curbside collection in CT and a variety of organics collection systems and provided an evaluation of the systems and an overview of organics collection trends.

Debra Darby, Manager, Tetra Tech presented on Co-collection programs and discussed compostable bags.

### **III. Roundtable**

There was opportunity for Q&A of the panelists. Working group members asked about technical assistance from CET and asked about the logistics and scope of the Vermont program. Discussion of the costs, environmental impacts and products from the AD process also occurred. Comments to Sam King included which of the collection systems might work in CT and further discussion of the residential

processes Blue Earth Compost is able to capture. Discussion of compostable bags and contamination occurred in the “chat” function of the zoom meeting.

Other discussion included next steps, including upcoming meeting dates and a reiterated request for members of the working group and the public to submit comments and solutions via the CCSMM webpage

#### **IV. Public Comment**

Members of the public were asked to use the “chat” feature or the “raise hand” feature to indicate if they wanted to make a comment.

Public comments included questions and comments on school composting and share tables for excess food, questions and food donation and liability, and costs associated with Anerobic digestion. Additional topics of discussion during the public comment section of this meeting included co-collection, compostable bags and contamination. Ag-grid was introduced as an additional option for food waste.

#### **V. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 11:17am

Attachment A.

N.B. that this list is a partial list due to a technical difficulty encountered with the ZOOM application whereby preliminary meetings were automatically purged from ZOOM before DEEP could download the files and ZOOM has a default setting that automatically purges older meetings from the list of "Previous meetings." Since DEEP became aware of the ZOOM setting, all meeting attendees' list have been captured and retained.

First Name	Last Name
Curbside	Compost
John	Phetteplace
Gerry	Daley
Luis	de la Parte
Curtis	Rand
Elizabeth	Moore
lynne	bonnett
Janice	Ehle/Meyer
April	Regan
Linda	Zaffetti

Josh	Hughes
Gary	Evans
Virginia	Walton
Carolyn	Bayne
William	Franks
David	Anderson
Brian	Paganini
Ali	Ghiorse
Kristin	Battistoni
James	Woulfe
Katherine	Bruns
Mary	Hogue
John	Pizzimenti
Ashley	Muspratt
Tammy	Thornton
Kristen	Brown
Julie	Cammarata
Brian	Bartram
Kori	Wisneski
James	Albis
Linda	Kowalski
Denise	Raap
robert	isner
Jennifer	Heaton-Jones
kevin	spinella
steve	changaris
Chelsey	Hahn
Aleksandra	Moch
Jennifer	Weymouth
Terri	Christenson
Latha	Swamy
Diana	McCarthy-Bercury
Carey	Hurlburt
Jean	Speck
Aaron	Budris
Eric	Fredericksen
Robert	Spencer
Jonathan	Luiz
Karen	Weeks
Donald	Stein
Daniel	Martens
Stephanie	Bahramian
R Stephen	Lynch
Gregory	Lenaz
Shubhada	Kambli
Ronald	McDaniel

Robert	Martin
Melissa	Mack
Michael	Bzdyra
Kim	O'Rourke
Katie	Dykes
Joe	DeRisi
Pamela	Roach
David	Aldridge
Donald	Hill
Valerie	Rossetti
Julie	DesChamps
Rashi	Akki
Samuel	King
Daria	Larson
Rashi	Akki
Lana	Rowan
Nisha	Patel
Debra	Darby
Svetlana	Wasserman
Naomi	Boccio
Lori	Martin
Dan	Colleluori
Liz	Connelly
Victor	Benni
Sherill	Baldwin
Donna	Hamzy Carroccia

James Albis - DEEP (James Albis)
Elly Moore - DEEP (Elly Moore)
Katie Dykes - DEEP (Katie Dykes)
Sherill Baldwin
Carey Hurlburt
Chelsey Hahn
Gabrielle Frigon
Chris Nelson